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SUBJ: RUMORED REDUCTION IN US SUGAR IMPORTS

1. RUMORS ARE PREVALENT IN THIS UNEASY CAPITAL THAT THE USG IS CONTEMPLATING RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN SUGAR IN THE US MARKET AS A MEANS OF INCREASING SUGAR PRICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF US SUGAR PRODUCERS. ACCORDING TO SOME USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCES, DISCUSSIONS ALONG THE ABOVE LINES HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL.

2. COMMENT: SHOULD RESTRICTIONS BE PLACED ON THE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN SUGAR, THE EFFECT UPON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

A FAITHFUL US SUPPLIER THAT ENJOYS TRANSPORTATION ADVANTAGES, WOULD BE SERIOUSLY ADVERSE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN WHATEVER DISCUSSIONS THAT MAY BE TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT, THE DEPARTMENT IS WEIGHING IN HEAVILY ON THE SIDE OF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH THOSE SMALL NATIONS WHOSE ECONOMIES ARE WRENCHED BY PETROLEUM PRICES.

3. WE SHALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION
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